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Top 10 Finishes for NWT Skiers:
Argue and Green Shine in Alberta
Daitch Solid in World Cup Relay

Kananaskis, AB (January 23, 2008) – Cross-country skier, Mike Argue, dazzled the crowd at the Kananaskis Ski Marathon. He flew around the 42-kilometre course in 2:01:58.9 finishing second behind Chris Jefferies of Foothills Nordic in Calgary. Argue was a mere 13.9 seconds shy of the winner in the classic mass-start race. The Yellowknife racer, who has had some strong early season sprint results, demonstrated his versatility by excelling in a marathon. Hay River's Brendan Green, better known as a highly skilled biathlete, finished a strong seventh in a time of 2:15:17.9.

Meanwhile in Falun, Sweden Fort Smith skier, Sarah Daitch, along with teammates Sara Renner, Chandra Crawford and Madeleine Williams, placed a solid 10th in a World Cup relay race. Each racer skied five kilometres and Daitch anchored the team in a time of 17:31. While Olympic medalists Renner and Crawford have had extensive World Cup experience, Williams and Daitch are new to the circuit and it was a good learning opportunity competing in star-studded field. In fact, it was only the second relay Daitch had ever raced against the world's best. Last year in Sapporo, Japan, the Fort Smither teamed with Crawford to finish 15th in the world championships. Next for Daitch is a sprint in Stockholm on January 27.

Three members of the Canadian World Cup relay team:
Sara Renner, Chandra Crawford and Sarah Daitch

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